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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A bushing assembly for containing a molten mineral material from which fibers can be attenuated, said bushing assembly comprising:
 - a bushing main body comprising at least first and second side walls and a tip plate extending between said side walls, said tip plate containing a plurality of orifices through which molten mineral material flows so as to be attenuated into fibers;
 - a first support rail coupled to said main body first side wall;
 - ~~at least one a plurality of first bracket brackets each~~ having an intermediate member coupled to said main body first side wall.
2. (Original) A bushing assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first support rail comprises first and second substantially planar surfaces integral with one another and defining an L-shaped body.
3. (Original) A bushing assembly as set forth in claim 2, wherein said support rail first planar surface is coupled to said main body first side wall.
4. (Currently Amended) A bushing assembly as set forth in claim 3, wherein ~~each of said bracket brackets~~ comprises first and second leg members, said legs members being located on opposing sides of a corresponding said intermediate member and extending substantially orthogonal to said intermediate member.
5. (Original) A bushing assembly as set forth in claim 4, wherein said support rail includes first and second slots, said first and second leg members being received in said first and second

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slots and being weldably coupled to said support rail and said main body first side wall.

6. (Currently Amended) A bushing assembly as set forth in claim 5, wherein at least one of said bracket intermediate ~~member~~ members is welded to said main body first side wall along substantially the entire length of said intermediate member.

7. (Currently Amended) A bushing assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~a plurality of first brackets are provided, each including an~~ each intermediate member is weldably coupled to said main body first side wall.

8. (Original) A bushing assembly as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a second support rail coupled to said main body second side wall, said main body second side wall being opposite said main body first side wall.

9. (Original) A bushing assembly as set forth in claim 8, further comprising a plurality of second brackets, each including an intermediate member weldably coupled to said main body second side wall.

10. (Currently Amended) A bushing assembly/support structure arrangement comprising:
a bushing assembly including a bushing main body comprising at least first and second side walls and a tip plate extending between said side walls, said tip plate containing a plurality of orifices through which molten mineral material flows prior to being attenuated into fibers; a first support rail coupled to said main body first side wall; and ~~at least one first bracket a~~ plurality of first brackets each having an intermediate member coupled to said main body first side wall; and

a support structure comprising a bushing frame; and at least one first support strap having a first end fixedly coupled to said bushing frame and second end extending toward a first location on said support rail adjacent one of said first bracket brackets for supporting said bushing assembly.

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11. (Original) A bushing assembly/support structure arrangement as set forth in claim 10, further comprising an insulating member located between said support rail first location and said support strap second end, said support strap second end applying a weight-bearing support force against said support rail first location via said insulating member.
12. (Original) A bushing assembly/support structure arrangement as set forth in claim 10, wherein said first support rail comprises first and second substantially planar surfaces integral with one another and defining an L-shaped body.
13. (Original) A bushing assembly/support structure arrangement as set forth in claim 12, wherein said support rail first planar surface is coupled to said main body first side wall.
14. (Currently Amended) A bushing assembly/support structure arrangement as set forth in claim 13, wherein each of said bracket brackets comprises first and second leg members, said legs members being located on opposing sides of a corresponding said intermediate member and extending substantially orthogonal to said intermediate member.
15. (Currently Amended) A bushing assembly/support structure arrangement as set forth in claim 14, wherein said first location on said support rail is located between said first and second legs of said one first bracket.
16. (Original) A bushing assembly/support structure arrangement as set forth in claim 14, wherein said support rail includes first and second slots, said first and second leg members being received in said first and second slots and being weldably coupled to said support rail and said main body first side wall.
17. (Currently Amended) A bushing assembly/support structure arrangement as set forth in claim 16, wherein at least one of said bracket intermediate member members is welded to said

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main body first side wall along substantially the entire length of said intermediate member.

18. (Currently Amended) A bushing assembly/support structure arrangement as set forth in claim 10, wherein ~~said bushing assembly comprises a plurality of first brackets, each including an each of said intermediate member members~~ is weldably coupled to said main body first side wall, and said support structure comprises a plurality of first support straps, each including a first end fixedly coupled to said bushing frame and a second end extending toward a corresponding location on said support rail for supporting said bushing assembly.

19. (Original) A bushing assembly/support structure arrangement as set forth in claim 10, wherein said bushing assembly further comprises a second support rail coupled to said main body second side wall, said main body second side wall being opposite said main body first side wall.

20. (Original) A bushing assembly/support structure arrangement as set forth in claim 19, wherein said bushing assembly further comprises a plurality of second brackets, each including an intermediate member weldably coupled to said main body second side wall.

21. (New) A bushing assembly for containing a molten mineral material from which fibers can be attenuated, said bushing assembly comprising:

a bushing main body comprising at least first and second side walls and a tip plate extending between said side walls, said tip plate containing a plurality of orifices through which molten mineral material flows so as to be attenuated into fibers;

a plurality of first brackets each having an intermediate member coupled to said main body first side wall.